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NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL PRICES COMMISSIONS FOR MSP
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the crops being considered by the National Agricultural Prices Commissions for fixing of Minimum Support Price (MSP) by the Government for the years 2004-05 and 2005-06; and

(b) the details of the crop proposed by the Government of Karnataka for inclusion in the list for fixing the MSP by the Union Government in the coming year during 2005-06?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a): The Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) are fixed by the Government in respect of 25 agricultural commodities, namely; Paddy, Jowar, Bajra, Maize, Ragi, Wheat, Barley, Gram, Arhar (Tur), Moong, Urad, Masur (Lentil), Sugarcane, Cotton, Groundnut - in - shell, Jute, Rapeseed/Mustard, Sunflower seed, Soyabean, Safflower, Toria, Tobacco (VFC), Copra, Sesamum and Nigerseed. In the case of Sugarcane, the support price is Statutory Minimum Price (SMP) as it is fixed under clause 3 of the Sugarcane (Control) Order, 1966.

(b): The Government of Karnataka has expressed the view that Arecanut, Onion, Potato, Tomato, Green Chillies and Jaggery may be included under MSP.